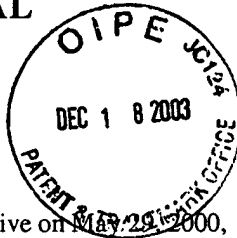


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**REQUEST
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/534,204
Confirmation Number	2972
Filing Date	March 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	Shinji IMAI
Group Art Unit	2878
Examiner Name	Shun Lee
Matter Number	Q56555
Title	IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR, AND IMAGE DETECTING SHEET

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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